

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A fusible powder, comprising 100 parts by weight of a metal salt of a fatty acid and 0 to 35 parts by weight of a fusible organic component.
- 5 2. The fusible powder of claim 1, wherein the fusible organic component is selected from the group consisting of a thermoplastic macromolecule, a thermally curable macromolecule, a radiation curable binder precursor, and combinations thereof.
- 10 3. The fusible powder of claim 1, wherein the metal salt of a fatty acid comprises calcium stearate and zinc stearate, wherein the weight ratio of the calcium stearate to the zinc stearate is in the range from 1:1 to 9:1.
- 15 4. The fusible powder of claim 1, further comprising up to 30 parts by weight of a fatty acid.
5. The fusible powder of claim 4, wherein the fatty acid is stearic acid.
- 20 6. The fusible powder of claim 4, wherein the powder comprises about 90 parts by weight of calcium stearate per about 10 parts of stearic acid.
7. A fusible powder comprising from about 5 to 100 parts by weight of a grinding aid and from 0 to about 95 parts by weight of a fusible organic component.
- 25 8. The fusible powder of claim 7 wherein the grinding aid is an organic halide, a halide salt, a metal, a metal alloy, or combinations thereof.